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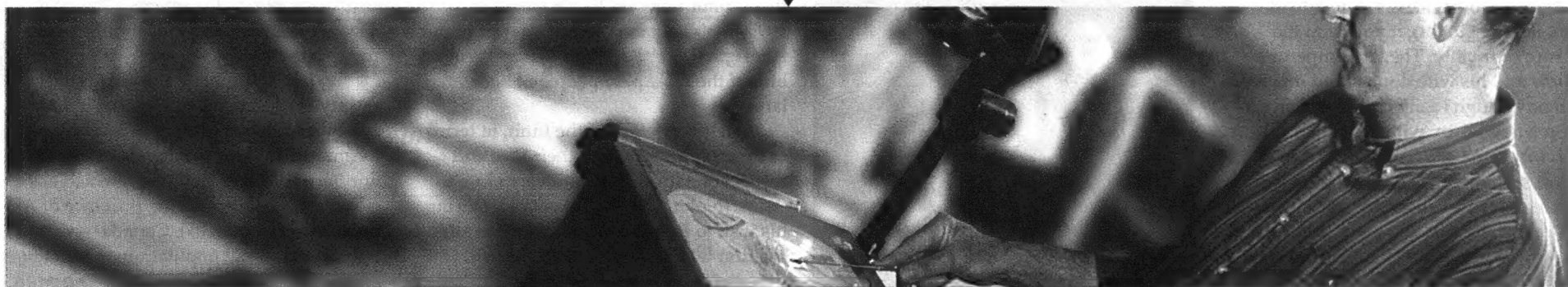
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Kostov optimistic about bone-marrow transplant

Campus challenged to help raise funds for experimental U.S. treatment

By Geoff McMaster

Dr. Aleksandar Kostov says he feels optimistic as he awaits an operation that could save his life.

"If you imagine the previous nine months as walking through a dark tunnel with a dead end ahead, nothing can replace my happiness now when I see there may be a break through the tunnel wall," said the 42-year-old professor of rehabilitative medicine via e-mail Wednesday. "It feels great to know that every day brings me closer to the solution of this long-last problem I have been living with..."

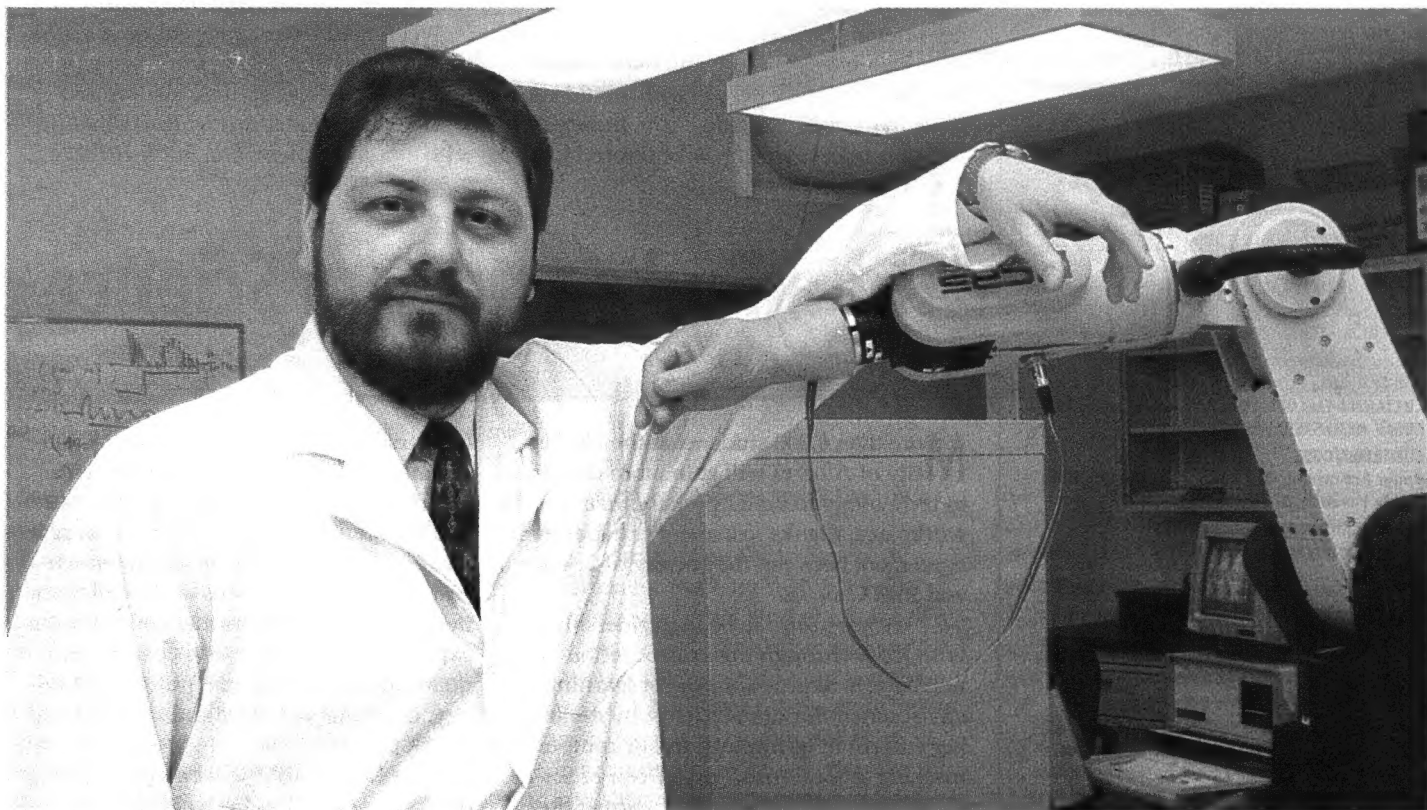
After a reasonably comfortable flight to Boston, Kostov says he has settled down close to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute with his wife and sister. He expects to be admitted to the hospital for his bone marrow transplant operation early next week.

Kostov has a rare and deadly blood disease called myelodysplastic syndrome, a condition in which bone marrow doesn't produce enough red and white blood cells and platelets. Chances for survival are promising if a perfectly matching bone marrow donor is found, but bleak with an imperfect match, since the transplanted marrow is almost always rejected.

The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, however, has pioneered a way to block the unwanted cellular response to the marrow. Kostov's sister, Karolina Ugljesic, will donate her marrow, which is a near but not a perfect match. Five of the first 12 patients to undergo the institute's procedure have survived. The operation is available nowhere else in the world.

Kostov says tests done last week indicate his disease is "progressing much faster than we have seen over the last several months, clearly indicating that it is the last moment to do something or get into a very serious form of acute leukemia."

As of this week, \$23,000 had been raised to help pay for Kostov's treatment—which is expected to cost about \$325,000 (Cdn)—following Alberta Health's refusal in August to pay the bill on the grounds the procedure is too experimental. The Lance Relland Medical Foundation, a group of citizens who help sick people seek out-of-country medical



In his lab at the U of A: Dr. Aleksandar Kostov

care, has been spearheading the effort to raise money for the transplant.

Most of the donations so far—ranging from \$5 to \$800—have come from concerned individuals moved by Kostov's story, says foundation spokesperson Mary Lindsay. She described meeting one high-school student selling flowers in front of a grocery store. After telling her about Kostov, the girl handed her a toonie.

"I could see she didn't have much money," says Lindsay. "So I gave the toonie to Aleks and said, 'Here, this will be your lucky toonie, because there are an awful lot of ordinary people who really care.'"

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—Aleks Kostov

Dr. Robert Campenot in the Department of Cell biology wrote a letter to the *Edmonton Journal* challenging faculty members at the U of A to contribute \$200 each to Kostov's fund, which would more than cover the entire bill.

"My question is ... how many things are not experimental in medicine today?" says Nena Jovic-Andrejevic, a close friend of Kostov's and one-time development officer for the Faculty of Medicine. "Everything's experimental—even what we do here."

"He's contributed to the community, he's an honest man, and has given a lot of himself. I think he deserves assistance and so does his family. Their oldest child (Sanja) just started high school, and her mom and dad aren't there. That's one thing that really bothered me."

Kostov received his PhD in neuroscience from the U of A in 1995 and was appointed to a tenure-track position with

the university—including a cross-appointment with the Department of Biomedical Engineering—last January. In 1998 he won the Canadian Innovation in Information Technology Award for his work in brain-computer interface technology, which allows people with severe disabilities to manipulate a computer through brainwaves. He also does research on voice recognition for dyslexic patients and on control devices for people with speech and motor impairments.

"That's the sad thing," says Anita Yates, administrative officer for the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine. "He's just got his career on the go, these things are falling into place, and this hits him."

If you would like to contribute to the Aleks Kostov fund, donations may be sent either to the Royal Bank of Canada, account #4089-1011501, (780) 448-6370, or by campus mail to Carol Ebert at the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, 3-48 Corbett Hall.

Japanese royalty "tickled" by Canada

By Geoff McMaster

When talking to Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Takamado of Japan, it's easy to forget you're in the presence of royalty. The late Emperor's nephew and his wife don't stand much on ceremony, laugh easily and reveal an impressive familiarity with Canadian culture.

In fact some of Prince Takamado's fondest memories are of the three years he spent at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., in the late '70s and early '80s. He lived in a graduate residence and reveled in the anonymity only a student's life could afford him.

"It tickles my soft spot, really, when I think of Canada. Canada has become a part of me." With a wry smile, he explains that he "didn't study much, but did take some courses."

"I had a very free time in Canada as just another student, not as a Japanese prince. Although I was with an RCMP officer all the time, he co-operated really well, and we acted just like two students on campus. It was a very important experience in my life."



Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Takamado

Having at times been called the "Canadian prince," Takamado speaks fondly of Canuck music icons Joni Mitchell, Neil Young and Bruce Cockburn. And after several return trips to Canada since his

student days—especially one visit to an Inuit community on Baffin Island in 1995—he's acquired a keen interest in our Aboriginal Peoples whom he says remind him of the Hokkaido people of his homeland.

"I felt very close to the Inuit, in terms of their philosophy and their love and respect of nature. They are very close to Asian thinking," says Takamado. During his visit to Edmonton last month to attend the first International Telehealth and Multimedia Technologies Congress, he made a special point of visiting Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump in southern Alberta to learn about native history in Western Canada.

But he's also anxious to see how telehealth—which allows long-distance medical consultation through video and other telecommunications technologies—will help aboriginal and other remote communities around the world get the medical advice they need.

"Now I realize very strongly the need for telehealth in countries like Canada,

because of its physical and cultural diversity," says Prince Takamado. "Physical distance is something that should be overcome, but it's not that easy."

"In Japan, although the area is one twenty-sixth the size of Canada, it's a long, narrow country with a lot of islands, which means we do have similar obstacles. The northern island of Hokkaido, which has a close relationship with the province of Alberta, is very much like Canada—wide open space, small population, mountains and a cold climate. There is a strong need for this kind of technology."

In addition to what he learned at the congress, Prince Takamado says this time he will also carry home memories of Alberta's "big blue sky," warm people, and one particular rhubarb pie baked and delivered to him by U of A Chancellor Lois Hole.

"The pie had one piece missing," says Takamado, "tested and approved by her husband." ■

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Virtual conference to explore online free speech and privacy

By Geoff McMaster

Those concerned about free expression and privacy on the Internet can air their views at a conference on the subject next week—without having to leave their desks.

The virtual conference, called *Look Who's Watching: Privacy, Free Speech and Online Community*, runs Sept. 6-20 and will explore "how electronic technologies are changing our experience of privacy," says

organizer San San Sy. Sponsored by the Faculty of Extension's Legal Studies Program, which fosters awareness of legal issues in the community at large, the conference will form part of the 27th Canadian Congress on Criminal Justice to take place at the Shaw Convention Centre later this month.

"What we want to encourage is a lot of dialogue," says Sy. "The conference will not offer any specific answers other than to raise awareness, but it is my hope there may be a group of people who would continue to form an electronic community."

Four major topics will be offered for

discussion at the virtual conference, each lasting three days and kicked off with a position paper and questions by key facilitator Val Steeves. Steeves is an adjunct law professor from Carleton University who has written extensively on technology and the law for the past 10 years. Topics include state surveillance, private sector surveillance and Bill C-54, encryption, and online democracy.

With both e-mail and real-time discussion groups running, says Sy, participants will be able to roll up their sleeves and tackle a range of issues, while consulting with a number of experts in the field.

Those interested in registering for *Look Who's Watching* may send an e-mail to sansan.sy@ualberta.ca. For more information on the virtual conference, or on the 27th Canadian Congress on Criminal Justice, visit <http://home.iStar.ca/~ccja/cong99/v-reg-en.htm>

Some sample questions offered for discussion:

- Can personal privacy continue to exist in an information economy?
- Bill C-54 requires organizations collecting information to obtain the individual's consent to the collection. Can consent alone protect individuals from a loss of privacy in an information economy?
- Should the citizen be concerned about state surveillance if he or she has nothing to hide?

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'ThinkPad' Faculty of Science closer to reality

By Roger Armstrong

More than 6,000 students at the University of Alberta will gain more exposure to technology to better prepare them for the workplace, thanks to a major collaboration agreement between the Faculty of Science and IBM Canada.

"We are proud to be in partnership with IBM. Through this collaboration we will be able to provide a better learning environment for our students, by remaining current in technology in our computer teaching laboratories," says Dean of Science Dick Peter. The Faculty of Science at the

University of Alberta is the largest Canadian faculty to sign such an agreement.

The ThinkPad Faculty will allow students with notebook computers to plug in and access teaching materials. Research will also be a major focus of the collaboration agreement with further collaboration expected in areas such as e-commerce, quantum computing, computational biology, computer software and architectural development.

In addition, IBM will be a partner in developing facilities in the U of A's new

Computing Science building now under construction. IBM will help in the development of teaching-resource centres in science departments.

"We are happy to share with the Faculty of Science the resources and intellectual knowledge of the IBM higher education solutions unit. We look forward to the challenges of implementing mobile student computing in the Faculty of Science at the University of Alberta," says John Kutcy, general manager, education industry, IBM Canada Ltd. ■

Web Watch

By Randy Pavelich

The homepages of Robert Mann

<http://www.mindspring.com/~robtm/>

We kickoff WebWatch this academic year with a stunning site by artist Robert Mann. The images presented here are quite large so load times might be long, especially for slower modem connections, but the wait will be worth it. Gorgeous photography and digital artwork are a perfect complement to the page layouts, which are also superb.

Department of Dental Hygiene

<http://www.dent.ualberta.ca/hygiene/index.html>

Dental Hygiene (part of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry) also has a new look—artistic and sophisticated. Colors are well-matched, and the page layouts demonstrate good use of white space. Site navigation is easily handled by the attractive graphical buttons along the side and top. An interesting blend of program and historical information should give visitors quite a good impression of this department.

Macquarium Intelligent Communications

<http://www.macquarium.com>

You'll need the ShockWave plugin to get the most of this site, but the effort is worth it. This firm creates Web sites, graphics and animated sequences for commercial advertisers, but they have a special section of their site for their own creative indulgences. Just the navigation tools alone are magical.

Send your Web site suggestions to Randy Pavelich, university Web manager, info@ualberta.ca.

Training for the classroom

Do university instructors get enough?

By Geoff McMaster

The image of the self-absorbed and absent-minded professor lecturing year after year from the same yellowing, dog-eared notes is fast disappearing in Canadian universities. In an age of public accountability and intense competition for tuition dollars, post-secondary institutions are taking teaching quality more seriously than ever.

According to Dr. Pat Rogers, president of the national Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, there are at least 37 universities in the country with resources and programs to help faculty and students become better teachers, and they are growing all the time. The U of A's own University Teaching Services (UTS) has a full range of courses and workshops including new faculty and graduate student orientation, mentoring, dossier assistance and peer consultation. But the level of training required by individual faculties before graduate students are set loose in the classroom varies widely, says UTS Director Bente Roed.

Most recently, discussion across the country has centred on the prospect of certifying universities for the teaching programs they offer to instructors, a process other countries such as the U.K., Australia, Sweden and Norway have already begun. Part of this initiative is to arrive at basic minimum standard of preparation for new instructors. Here in Canada, about seven schools already have some form of certification, says Rogers, with several others preparing to join them.

But while the move to beef up teaching programs and services is a welcomed trend, imposing them on graduate students and new faculty is no easy issue. Most would agree some elementary acquaintance with learner-centred models emphasizing group work and problem-solving would serve any instructor well. Whether to make that training mandatory is another matter.

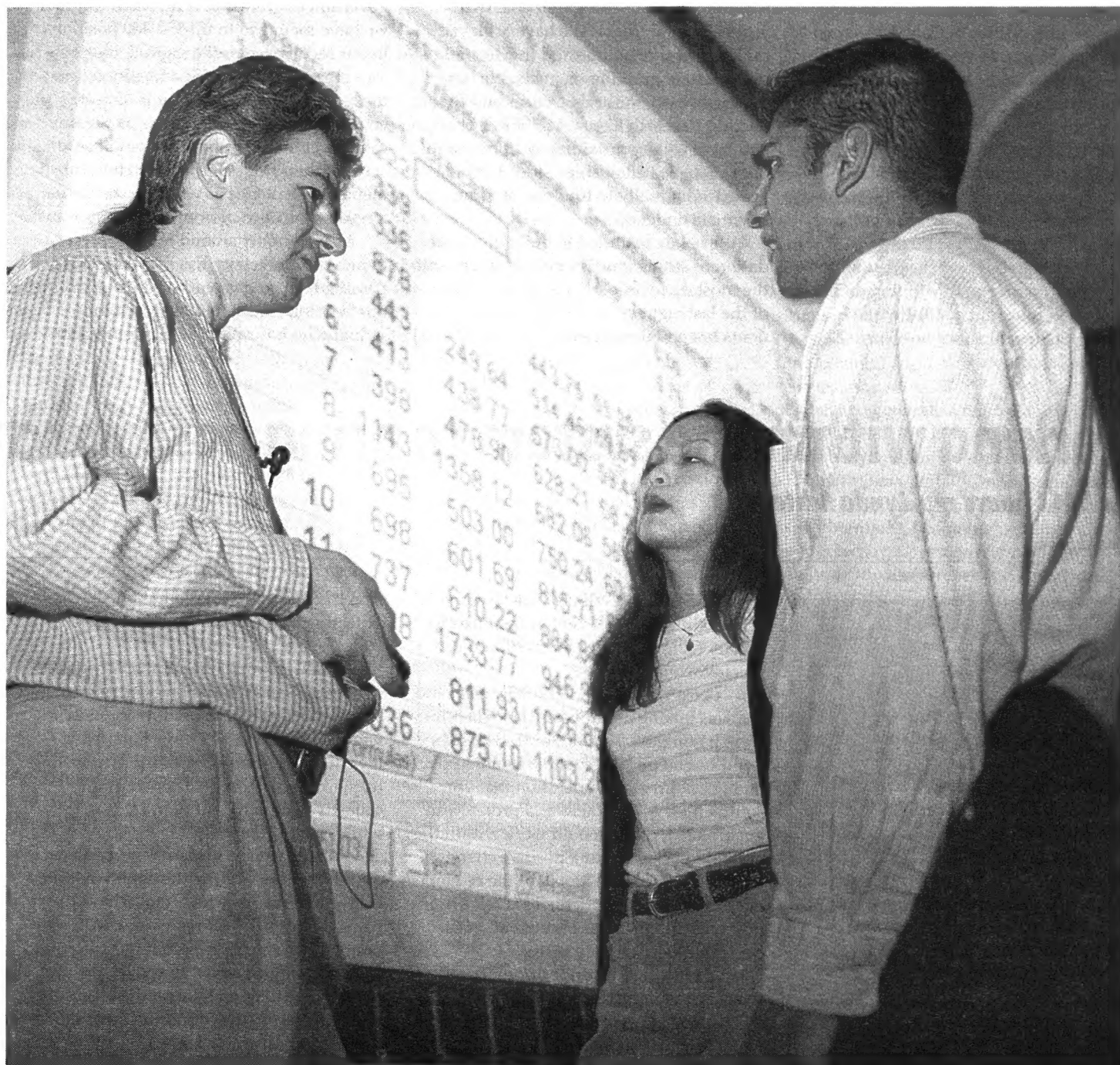
GSA President Laura Bonnett, for example, has mixed feelings. "Quite frankly, if universities are moving towards a consumer model, in which students are viewed more and more as consumers, and when they're increasing tuition time and time again every year, students are going

Universities can no longer afford professors who merely sit back and do the same thing again and again in a way students perhaps can't even access. Nowadays it's becoming a moral responsibility for universities to ensure that their professors are top-notch.

—GSA President Laura Bonnett

But Bonnett says she balks at the word 'mandatory'. She says she'd hate to see certification become "something that was a really large burden placed on all faculty

to want a high quality of education. Universities can no longer afford professors who merely sit back and do the same thing again and again in a way students perhaps can't even access. Nowadays it's becoming a moral responsibility for universities to ensure that their



Teaching in the Tory Turtle: Dr. Erhan Erkut with business students.

when they're struggling with other responsibilities. The problem is, this might become yet another hoop that graduate students and sessionals have to jump through to make themselves marketable on the academic job market."

Roed agrees. While she would like to see a system of certification across Canada—where a student could begin a teacher-training program in one place and finish at another without losing any recognition of credits—she is also wary of anything considered unnecessarily "prescriptive."

"I think all professors should demonstrate they are able to teach well and engage the learners in the process." Having gone through a certified program is no guarantee of quality, she says, "but it does indicate that you have a mindset and have taken the time."

But should accreditation for instructors be mandatory?

"I'm struggling with that," she says. "If you are planning to become a university teacher you should consider that as your profession. Part of that profession is getting some formal skills. But I don't think I'm ready for the university [to make it mandatory], because not all grad students are going to be university teachers."

Vice President (Academic) and Provost Doug Owram says the U of A promotes teaching as one of its primary strengths and supports the growth of UTS. But he

says teaching workshops work best on a voluntary basis.

"Right now I'd prefer to approach preparation for teaching through voluntary programs and the kind of approach we've been doing. I would have to see the value of a certification program before I endorsed it." And because teaching at the university level is so closely tied to research, any attempt to impose training on academics has to be "very much related to the disciplines and to the faculties in which they teach," adds Owram. "The differences between a lab science kind of approach and a seminar are significant ...

"I'd much prefer to develop a series of systems that gives some basic, core assistance and values to teachers from a central service, but then develop things with individual faculties that are really right on for their own areas."

Business professor Dr. Erhan Erkut, one of four U of A professors to receive a 3M Teaching Award this year, leans more heavily in the direction of mandatory training.

"I know a lot of people say, 'You're either a good teacher or you're not,' but that's, of course, hogwash," says Erkut. "Everyone can improve by a little bit and that's the goal."

A passionate promoter of ongoing teacher training for university instructors, Erkut says his colleagues "looked at me

like I was from outer space" when he raised the need for better teaching skills among faculty about five years ago. "The typical argument was, 'If you have to spend more time on teaching that means less time on research.' Some faculty members still think that way.

"As far as the public is concerned, this is our primary task ... we can't say, 'let's just teach without any training.' Five years of research training and no teaching training—that's simply not acceptable."

Erkut says he doesn't expect academics to change their approach to instructor training overnight. And he sees the improvement of university teaching as a collective responsibility.

"I have expectations from PhD programs, from universities ... and perhaps from the public as well to apply a bit more pressure." ■

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—VP (Academic) and Provost Doug Owram

message from the . president

In the dynamic, progressive environment of the University of Alberta, it is important to occasionally think back on just how far this campus community has come. Being appointed to a second term as president seems an appropriate occasion for reflection.

Five years ago, being one of the top five or six universities in Canada seemed a legitimate target. Now, we are within a hair's breadth of being one of Canada's top two or three universities. Our momentum is so strong, there are those who now like to poke fun at my vision to be "indisputably recognized 'galactically and intergalactically' as one of Canada's finest universities and amongst a handful of the world's best."

I cannot help but be a cheerleader for our outstanding team. In winning an unprecedented four (out of 10) 1999 3M Teaching Fellowships, we now have 22

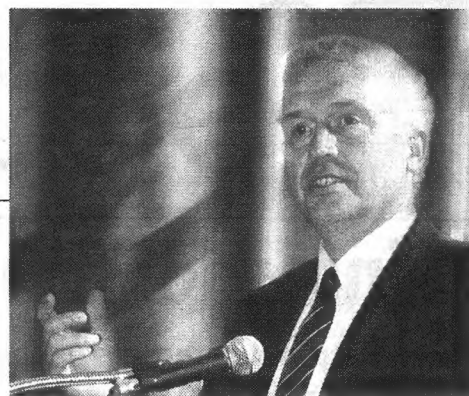
over the program's 14-year history, outpacing our nearest competitor by 27 per cent. We are also the only university with two CASE awards for Canadian University Professor of the Year. We reached our goal of \$1 billion in accumulated research funding a year and a half ahead of schedule, and our campaign goal two years ahead of target. We have achieved rankings of three, three and five from the three federal granting councils. We have established six Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) chairs, and have won approximately 19 per cent of the Steacie Fellowships since 1995, awarded annually to four outstanding scientists under 40.

We have continued to build on a foundation of strong student performance, with the most Academic All-Canadians in seven of the last eight years. Our pharmacy students have ranked number one on national

exams for 10 of the last 11 years. And over the past five years, our medical students have consistently placed within the top three universities on national licensing exams.

We have not only survived, but excelled in an environment of painful cuts to government grants. It is no small feat that we have managed to fill 350-400 positions in our faculty renewal program, long before others even identified faculty retirement as an issue. Maintaining such an environment, where each member of our campus community has the resources to achieve their full potential, will be a tremendous challenge as we continue to face a resource crunch of immense proportions.

As I begin my second term as president, your university has moved into the passing lane, and is on the verge of pulling out in front. I want to thank each individual who has rallied behind our vision.



I believe with a passion that we will be recognized amongst a handful of the world's best universities. Look how far we have come: 91 years ago, a group of visionaries stood on this 250-acre patch of scrubby wilderness and declared they were going to build a university that would be world renowned.

If they could see where we are today...

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Working within the system to bring positive change

New NASA board rep, Lynda Achtem

By Sheila Soder



Lynda Achtem, NASA representative for the Board of Governors.

The University of Alberta's newest member of the Board of Governors turns to Hillary Clinton for her motivation for campus involvement.

"I was watching (A&E) *Biography*, and she was talking about years ago when they were having the Vietnam protests," says Lynda Achtem. "Everyone was unhappy, and (Clinton) made a decision that you could either go out there and protest and get arrested, or you could work within the system to bring about a positive change."

Says Achtem: "After all of the re-engineering and the restructuring, I felt disempowered and helpless because all of the decisions were already made."

We only had the opportunity to react to what was already done."

As a result, Achtem has been working inside of the system since 1997 as the vice-president of NASA, but gave up the position to represent approximately 3,500 support staff on the board. To her surprise, she

won the position by acclamation. "I was expecting a big competition," she says with a grin.

Achtem is a member of the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society, and believes the combination of theoretical knowledge and negotiating experience (gained while a member of the NASA team for the 1997 regular operating collective bargain) will be valuable while on the board.

"Negotiating is bridge building. It's a question of uncovering the common issues and needs. People who seem to have diverse interests, if you really look at it, may be asking the same thing but in a different way. Although I won't be actively negotiating or mediating while on the board, I will have to use the communication skills I've learned over the years," she says.

Achtem has worked on campus for 18 years, 14 of those as a full-time support staff member. She is currently a library

assistant in the J.W.S. Health Science Library. After high school, Achtem toured Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. She then started a science degree at the U of A but switched to arts. She currently plans to complete her arbitration training.

And as for upcoming challenges to the board? Contracting employment from outside the university is key.

"It's a really big issue because by contracting out, we really feel it is eroding our collective agreement, and so we want to protect and maintain that. I don't think it is in the interests of the university as a whole because the members that are working here are very loyal and dedicated. You can't get that level of commitment and a sense of belonging by hiring private companies entirely based on the profit motive."

Lynda Achtem can be reached at lynda.achtem@ualberta.ca or through campus mail at J.W.S Health Science Library, 2K3-38 WMC.

Newton rent increases within market average, says university

By Geoff McMaster

The Graduate Students' Association says it will continue to fight rent increases at the U of A's recently purchased Newton Place apartment building when the Board of Governors and General Faculties Council reconvene this month.

According to GSA president Laura Bonnett, some tenants in the building at 112 St. and 85th Ave. were shocked to find out they'd be paying as much as \$110 per month more when they tried to renew their leases last July. She said many were "disappointed to see that a university, which is supposed to be looking out for their best interests, was taking this to the limit."

However David Bruch, director of Housing and Food Services, explained most increases for the building fall between the 2.8 per cent to 9.8 per cent range, "well within average rent increases in the market over the past year...up to what we consider to be the low to mid-range on the market."

Increases are higher for one-bedroom units, from 8.4 to 17.7 per cent, or \$49 to \$84 per month. The highest increase, says

Bruch, is only possible in certain one-bedroom apartments if a tenant decided to change from a one-year to a monthly lease.

And because the previous landlord had raised the rent during the last year, a few tenants who were renewing leases in July were faced with two increases.

"What they (GSA) weren't taking into account was the fact that the old landlord was raising the rent, and part of the increase (in some cases) was what the previous landlord was increasing himself," says Bruch. "In other words, if a person moved into the building a year ago and was just coming to the end of that term, and if the previous landlord were still in place, (the rent) would have gone up anyway."

Bruch says the increases will help pay

for badly needed renovations to hall carpets, roofing, appliances, sinks and toilets. The building was originally purchased to provide housing for athletes at the 2001

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successful way," says Bruch. "That involved raising the rent and improving the cash flow of the building, allowing us to do renovations so in the end it would be

World Track and Field Championships as well as add to student housing in the university area. Although the building has not yet been ruled out to serve as part of the athlete's village, he says existing space in Lister Hall, Garneau and HUB will probably be enough to accommodate the athletes.

"We felt here was a way to add to the student housing stock and do it in a financially suc-

cessful way," says Bruch. "That involved raising the rent and improving the cash flow of the building, allowing us to do renovations so in the end it would be

much more attractive to the students and have a much higher value to the U of A."

One tenant in the building, who asked not to be identified, says she understands the university's need to raise the rent, but says many in her building are upset they weren't given sufficient notice of the increases.

"When the university took over, we had no idea," she says. "There was no warning. It was taken over within two days, and no one knew what to do ... It's really difficult now to find accommodation, because all the students are back."

But Bruch says since the university took possession of the building at the end of July, held a general meeting to explain its position, and sent out regular newsletters to tenants, there have been few complaints.

Deciding what is 'medically necessary'

It's only going to get tougher

By **Timothy Caulfield**, research director, Health Law Institute

Ever since the introduction of publicly financed health care, funding decisions have been based, at least theoretically, on a determination of "medical necessity." A notoriously slippery concept, the term "medically necessary" can be found throughout Canadian health-care legislation. The *Canada Health Act* states all "medically required services rendered by medical practitioners" and all "medically necessary" hospital services must be publicly funded. The *Alberta Health Care Insurance Act* uses similar language. And numerous international instruments to which Canada is a signatory refer, either explicitly or implicitly, to a right to access a basic level of health care.

But despite the common use of the concept, no practical definition of "medically necessary" exists. Indeed, many commentators, such as well-known bioethicist Daniel Callahan, have argued an operational definition will always remain elusive: "Is it just an accident that all efforts to find meaningful definitions of 'adequate' or 'minimal' or 'necessary' have failed? The failure, I believe, is inevitable, inherent in the project itself."

Historically, a medically necessary service amounted to anything that physicians believed should be provided. Driven by a number of health-care trends, it is only recently that defining the parameters of medical necessity has become a major, if

not-the major, health-policy issue. First, cost containment has emerged as a dominant goal of health-policy decision makers. In this context, a delineation of government's responsibility to its citizenry takes on heightened significance. Second, starting in the late 1980s there was a growing recognition no clear rationale, or scientific evidence, existed to justify the provision and coverage of many conventional health-care services. Indeed, many services were insured without any evidence they were effective. A recognition of this paucity of good information led both to the current trend toward "evidence-based medicine" and to a greater emphasis on the tie between efficacy and public coverage. Third, medical science is moving forward at a breathtaking pace. From new diagnostic technologies to an ever-increasing array of experimental cancer treatments, the medical profession simply has more to offer patients. And with each new medical discovery comes a decision about its public funding.

Finally, it has been noted the public system is increasingly strained by what some commentators have called "medical consumerism." Roy Porter, for instance, argues "the healthier western society becomes, the more medicine it craves. Indeed, it regards maximum access as a right and duty." While one can hardly consider the desire to access potentially life-saving

treatment a form of "medical consumerism," the consumer trend affects the system as a whole and, as such, makes heart-breaking decisions increasingly necessary.

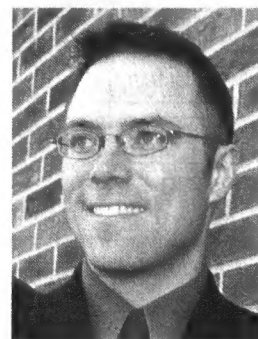
In the end, all of these forces will combine to create an environment where tough decisions seem likely to occur with more frequency. The recent decision by Alberta Health not to fund an experimental cancer treatment for U of A Professor Aleksandar Kostov is but one of many recent examples.

So, how should Canadian society respond? It seems certain that we should resist efforts to develop a simple list of insured services. Such an approach, as attempted in the state of Oregon, will inevitably be too rigid to respond to the needs of individual patients. A "decision-making framework" approach seems much more logical and just. For example, Professor Raisa Deber of the University of Toronto has suggested a "Four Screen Model" which includes a consideration of: efficacy (is there evidence the treatment works?); appropriateness (is this treatment appropriate for this patient?); informed decision-making (does the informed patient really want the treatment?); and broader policy concerns (are there reasons why this particular treatment should not receive public funding?).

We also need to carefully consider which health-care services we want to

leave to the private sector. As many recent studies have demonstrated, a robust private health-care sector has the potential to erode the public system. This creates the ironic situation whereby decisions to not fund certain procedures may actually help to generate a market for private health care which, in turn, may put a strain on the very system we seek to protect.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we will need to recognize not all services, even potentially life-saving services, can be covered by a public system. Unfortunately, as the tension between individual needs and the public good becomes more acute, and as we hear more stories of treatments not being paid for by our public system, this recognition will become difficult for a compassionate society to reconcile. In the meantime, we can only hope these decisions are informed by the best available information and that they are made with full consideration to the goals of our health-care system and the expectations of Canadian citizens.



Timothy Caulfield: deciding what is 'medically necessary' will become increasingly more difficult.

Tina Chung

folio letters to the editor

High tuition equals high quality of education is a myth

I just could not help commenting on the "at least five reasons to consider a major increase in international undergraduate tuition fees," which I spotted in *Folio*, May 21, 1999, because they are indeed response- and indignation-provocative.

Quote: "In the minds of some foreign students, low cost means low quality." What about *some* other students for whom \$6,000 - \$7,000, that constitutes the present tuition fee, is just enough to pump every cent from the quite depletable resources? I hope we are not talking here about "some" elite and the cream of society but about the majority of foreign students who contemplate the possibility of entering a degree program in a university outside their native country. It is a good idea to keep in mind that the privilege to obtain a decent

education does not belong to the rich only. And perhaps, these are the exorbitant tuition fees that restrict many of my peers from even considering the challenge of going to study abroad. It is because the fees at the U of A are not \$13,000 a year that I am at the U of A and not at the University of British Columbia or Mount Allison, for example. And if the tuition rises higher than I can bear, you will see me leaving for the University of Calgary or elsewhere where my purse can breathe and where I can sustain my living and school in a more humane and financially, internationally friendly environment.

Quote: "The U of A needs additional funds to offer significant scholarships to academically excellent international students." Maybe I am not an "academically

excellent" student. I am a normal international student, struggling, doing my job as everyone else. Maybe I am not capable of obtaining any of your scholarships. (Some of these scholarships would not even help cover the cost of one single course in one semester.) So what? Am I not then worthy enough to get at least as much as I can from attending the university on the less or more tolerable conditions? We all come to school from different backgrounds ...

Quote: "...to bring in 'the highest potential individuals and nurture them in a superb academic and social environment that is international, safe, supportive and challenging..." Do you mean that right now the U of A does not possess all these qualities? Do you feel today the "two per cent" population of international students at the U of A are deprived of any amenities, challenges, safety and support? No matter how you strive, there is always room for unattainable perfection. I respect my University as it is now. The present conditions are adequate and conducive enough for the development of my academic proficiency.

Quote: "...We've been losing the market share." I surmised as much: the straight commodity approach to the university education made me a unit of a marketable article with a six-digit tag on my forehead.

(Do they include me into the Consumer Price Index?) The tuition can be raised as much as the one in Harvard—still, who is determined to go to Harvard will go to Harvard. The rules on the education market were seeded and propagated a long time ago. No need to fool yourselves: you do not spread the glory about the excellence of your education by raising the cost for international students.

I want to thank Julie Harris, Laura Bonnett and all individuals and organizations for taking a stance of opposition to the raising of tuition fees for international students. My low bow to the Students' Union for its support of international students.

I am strongly convinced \$710.16 per three-credit course is more than enough and is already the brink between affordable and impossible. You, people-proponents of such a violent increase, don't even realize how hard this money comes, at what price, and you often forget that not everyone happens to be born and lives on a treasure island.

But why should I let myself worry? I am protected by the "grandfather clause." Thank you very much.

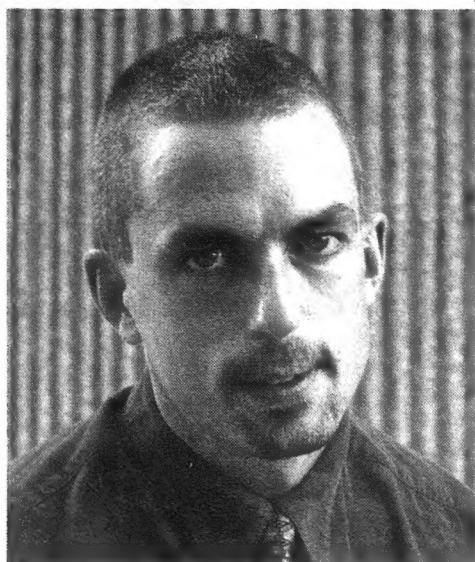
Alina Vlasjuk
Undergraduate international student

Gratitude for a caring campus

On Friday, Aug. 27, my father, Professor Alexander Matejko, suffered a fatal heart attack near the Faculty Club. He was walking with a friend, who called out for help, and a number of people immediately came to assistance. A man administered CPR and stayed until the ambulance arrived. Several other people helped in various ways.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to those people whose names unfortunately we don't know. We would like them to know that it is a great comfort to know they were there to help.

Yours truly,
Agnieszka Matejko



Stories by Dan Carle

After nine seasons at Athletics (Sport Information Coordinator), Dan Carle heard *The Voice* and retired to try his hand at professional baseball. It didn't work out. He was picked up on waivers by the Office of Public Affairs, and is the OPA's new sixth man. His column will appear periodically.

Checking the sites in Seville

While some cry "free lunch," at least one of three University of Alberta employees who traveled to Seville, Spain to size up the World Track and Field Championships did so because of lunch.

David Bruch, director, Housing and Food Services, traveled with Jamie Fleming, associate vice-president (operations and physical resources) and Dale Schulha, director, university liaison for Edmonton 2001 World Championships in Athletics, to see how Seville put on the food and put on the show.

The University of Alberta contingent was concerned primarily with seeking athletes' opinions on food, food service and amenities in preparation for the Edmonton event in the summer of 2001.

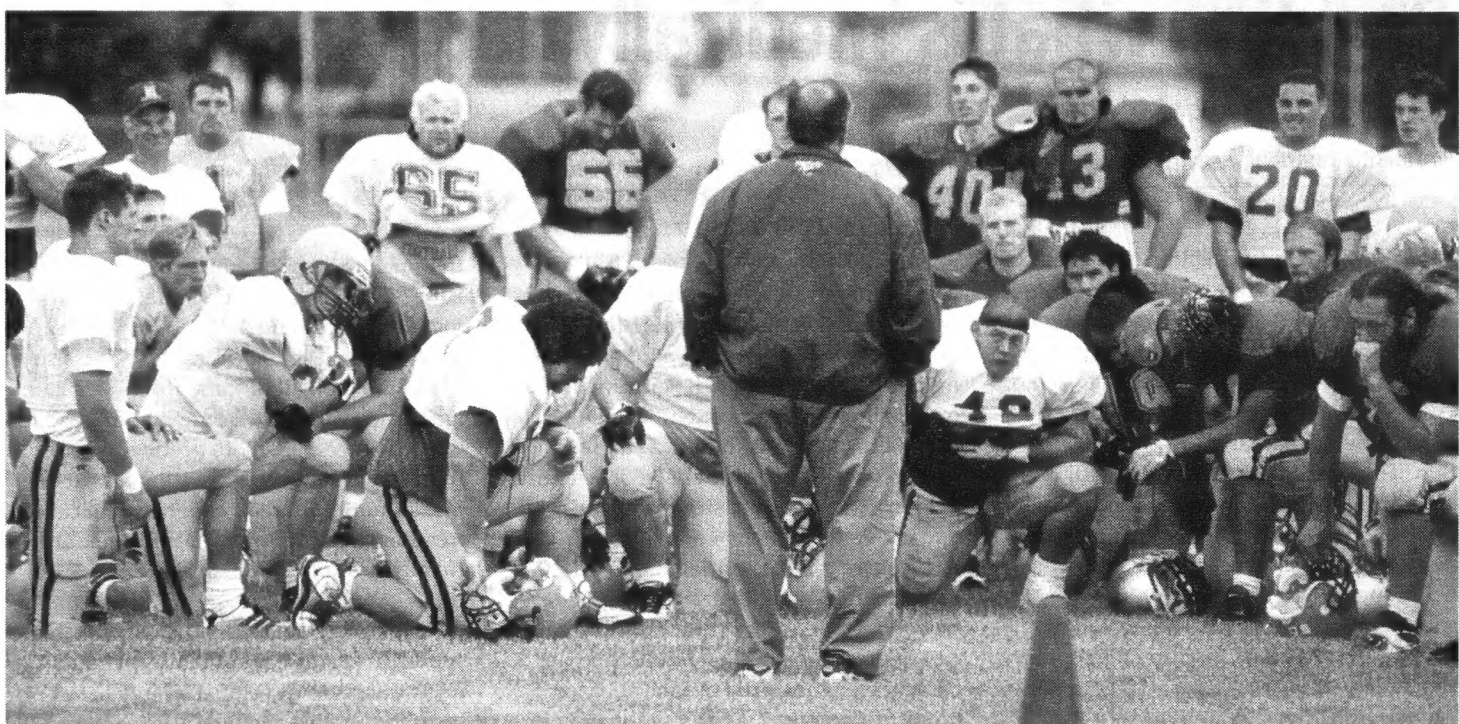
"We received a sound sense of the athletes' expectations, things athletes like and don't like in terms of accommodation, food and services and things of that nature," said Schulha, who has attended two other major international sport events. "It was all very beneficial, globally, as far as seeing the magnitude of it, and dealing with issues such as access, more specifically in the accommodation, food service and training areas," Schulha said.

The Lister residences will serve as the athletes' village for the Edmonton event and the university will serve as one of three training sights. ■

OFF THE FIELD:

- The University of Alberta travel party departed for Seville Aug. 16 and returned Aug. 23.
- Mayor Bill Smith accepted the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) flag at the conclusion of the Games last Sunday. Edmonton hosts the event Aug. 3-12, 2001.
- A program design for one training stadium, which will be housed west of the Alberta School for the Deaf on 114th Street, will ideally be presented and settled by Oct. 1, Schulha said. The stadium will seat in the area of 3,000.

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Tom Wilkinson: coaching with care and conviction.

Tom Teddy

Bears' Wilkinson wants the best and to be the best

He's a big teddy bear, with the moniker only half-physical.

Tom Wilkinson, the fiftysomething coach is well-rounded after retiring from professional football 18 years ago. It is fitting he coaches at the University of Alberta, because he himself is a study—enigmatic, and a cauldron of competitive spirit who waxes good ol' boy.

He's old-school. Quiet. Attentive. Seemingly care-free. But he's not. He cares about winning, but not at all costs.

The former longstanding Best Quarterback in Canadian Football has come to understand the intricacies of coaching and nurturing potentially fragile egos at the university level while facing relentless pressure to win—consistently because of his name and reputation—in this, his ninth season. "Listening to the players and make sure I am watching them," Wilkinson replied when asked what the biggest lesson learned has been through the transition from Hall of Fame athlete to improving coach. "I've always listened but never watched as much. Like, when you're watching golf on TV and the announcers say 'Watch the bounce in his step.' It's the same with the player. If there isn't the bounce, don't wait for him, go to him."

Wilkinson goes to his players and his players come to him. At any time from early morning until shortly before practice, he

hosts a haven for players in his Butterdome office. The student-athletes speak of football and sometimes their intricate thoughts. And he listens because he knows—about football and intricate thoughts.

"It's easier to talk to older people and ask them what you need for success, and they're going to tell you, because they've either had it or they've missed it, and they know why."

When Wilkinson gazed at the open prairie as a college player in Wyoming, that young athlete probably could not envision how much he would achieve success later in Edmonton, Canada. That fellow actually could not envision Canada, or where it was.

Five Grey Cups. All with a team—the third of his CFL career—that started out as a last stop on the road back to Wyoming. Wilkinson first tried out for the Eskimos after it didn't work out with the BC Lions. The family was in the car, which was headed over, then down. The first stop was a try-out in Edmonton, then Calgary if that didn't work out (imagine: number 12 for the Calgary Stampeders: Tom Wilkinson. Blasphemy), then home to Wyoming if that didn't work out. It worked out, thankfully, before the second stop.

He won a Schenley Award. He was never an athlete's athlete. But he had thoughts, senses about the game, which few could even manufacture. He won and led basically on one leg for much of his career. He was always a gamer and seemed to pull off miracles. He thought deeply and does today.

"They 'ohh and ahh' about how he was their favorite player. I never saw him play. But you don't really appreciate what he accomplished as a player," said second-year quarterback Jeff Schellenberg, who is

just 19 but says he is heard when speaking with his legendary coach. "Immediately he has the respect of the players. The players love to play for him, because he's such a great guy."

That great guy, though, has another side: it's all competitive and all private. The facts say Tom Wilkinson has lost more than he has won as coach, including a 21-0 shut-out against Saskatchewan in Alberta's lone pre-season game Saturday, August 28, at Lloydminster. The feeling behind these numbers, his numbers, never leaves. The words behind the feeling are rarely spoken, and if they are, never directly.

"Being in the playoffs one time certainly isn't what I anticipated. I don't like losing. Check the Vanier Cup date, because that's when I plan for that to be our last day."

Seems some teddy bears also have some growl, which isn't a bad thing when you coach a team called the Bears, and do so with care and conviction. ■

ON THE FIELD:

- The Golden Bears open the conference schedule at Calgary tomorrow (Sept. 4). The game will be broadcast on CJSR (FM 88.5) starting at 1:30 p.m.
- There are no changes to Alberta's coaching staff in 1999. Wilkinson has posted a 25-38-1 career conference coaching record. Pete Lavorato, a former Eskimos defensive back, returns for a fourth season as defensive coordinator, while Steve Howlett, a former Eskimos slotback, will serve as offensive coordinator for a second season.
- The Golden Bears first home conference football game will be played at Commonwealth Stadium Saturday, Sept. 18, 1:30 p.m., against Manitoba.

Mr. Canoehead

Raffan talks boats

Barkskin and Cedar is Jim Raffan's third book on canoeing. The outdoor environmental education professor at Queen's University will talk longboats and Canadiana in a public talk Thursday, Sept. 9, 5:00 p.m., in Room E120 of the Van Vliet Centre.

Radio Waves

CJSR back broadcasting Bears

Bob Stauffer is committed to campus athletics—so much so he has made himself its voice.

Stauffer implemented the return of Golden Bears hockey to campus radio last season, and has followed up by adding Golden Bears football to CJSR's playlist this year.

ITV SportsNight's Kevin Karius will join Stauffer for five of eight conference football games and one playoff game, beginning Saturday, Sept. 4, at 1:30 p.m., with the Golden Bears season-opening conference football at Calgary.

On Sept. 8 Stauffer changes sports and venues to sit alongside former team cap-

tain Troy Hjertaas for Golden Bears hockey. The season-opening game against the Edmonton Oilers rookies (Wednesday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.) at Clare Drake Arena will be the first of 16 games broadcast this season, including all playoff games through the University Cup national championship tournament in late March. ■

Daum right

Championship defence begins now

The Golden Bears won its ninth title last season. The feeling this time last year was much the same as this year: uncertainty.

"We lost some very important people off the ice, on the ice and in the dressing room," said Golden Bears coach Rob Daum, who towed the same line prior to the start of the season in 1998. However, the major difference approaching the new season is Alberta is defending national champion.

"If we come back with a relaxed attitude because we won then we're going to be in trouble. If we come back with a hunger to do it again, then we'll be fine, and that is what we have. What happened last year is done."

This year began Tuesday, where 50 players are competing for 28 spots. Though Alberta returns its entire defence, it also charts six key player losses—players who represented offensive punch in some

cases, defensive awareness in others, but in all cases players who played with passion.

Some new, young passion will be on the ice at Fort Saskatchewan tomorrow (Saturday) at 8:00 p.m. as the junior Bears play the AJHL Traders.

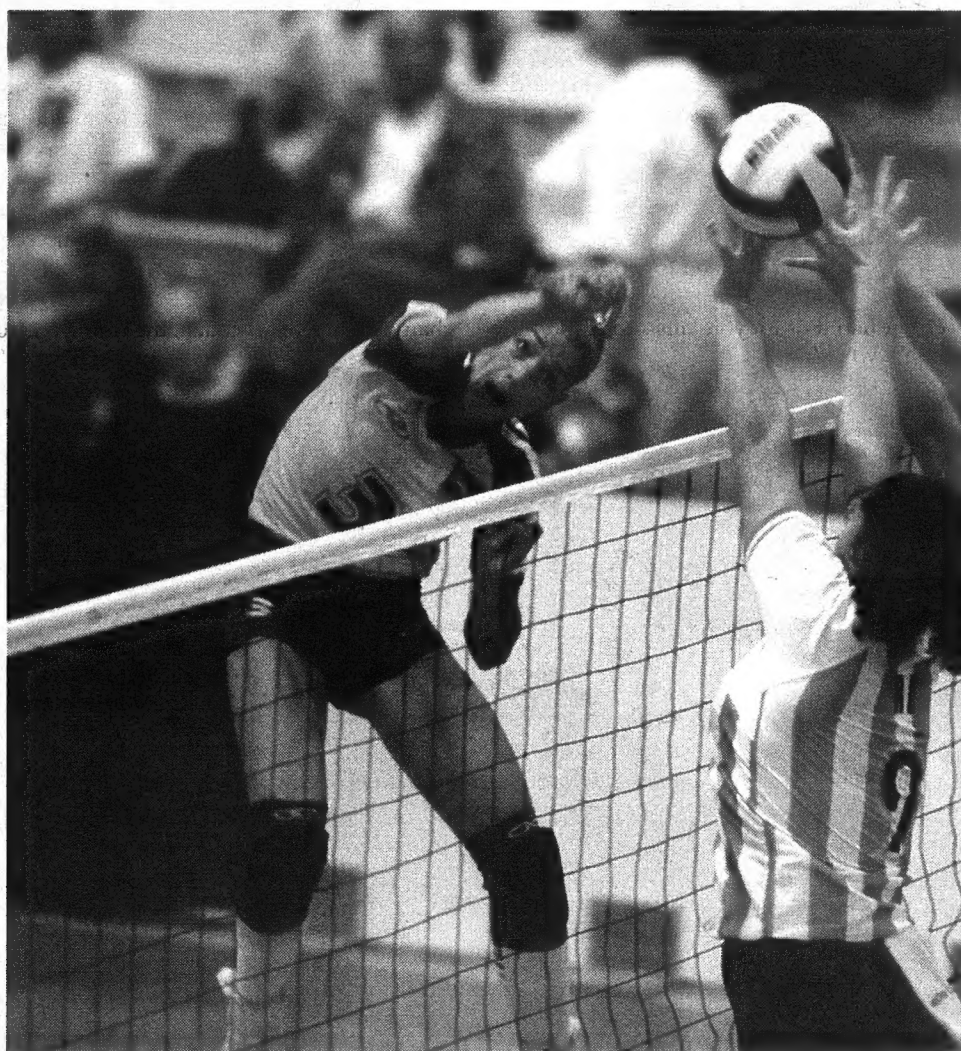
Can the Bears, while losing their goaltender and two-thirds of its top scoring line, the top scoring line in Canada last season, do it again?

Daum right.

"If you can't have high expectations at this time of year then you're really in trouble," Daum said. ■

ON THE ICE:

- Alberta has won nine national titles.
- The Golden Bears face-off against the Edmonton Oilers rookies Wednesday, September 8 (7:30 p.m.) at Clare Drake Arena in the annual battle of Edmonton.



1999 World Junior Women's Volleyball Championship at Varsity Gym.

Canada forgotten?

International eyes now set on the Great White North

Ask Ian Reade, the University of Alberta's athletic director, on the international impact of having recently hosted a portion of the World Junior Women's Volleyball Championships at Varsity Gym—a first for North America, Canada, and the U of A—and he'll tell you.

"Canada does not exist in the world," he said, before elaborating that the world's sport governing bodies—often small, elite, closed groups—are unaware of Canada's potential as a world-class host.

The World Junior Women's tournament, sanctioned by the FIVB (International Volleyball Federation), decided upon Saskatoon for the tournament, with Edmonton hosting preliminary matches.

"We think, because we're connected to the United States, that somehow the world knows about us. That is not the case. Canada is far off the list," Reade said, adding the tide is now turning.

Normally, for any international sporting event, the host has between one and four years to prepare. Saskatoon and Edmonton were deputized just five months ago. The preliminary Edmonton matches concluded Monday, smoothly.

"Until you've hosted an event you haven't established a position on the scale. We've now done that," Reade said. "Certainly the FIVB were impressed by our ability to pull things together quickly." ■

Korean teacher-exchange program keeps on ticking

KTEP celebrates 15 years with U of A

By Lucianna Ciccocioppo

For more than a decade, about 300 Korean English teachers have sauntered through the Rocky Mountains and shopped at West Edmonton Mall while on break from their studies with U of A education professors.

The Korean Teachers of English Program (KTEP) was founded 15 years ago, spearheaded by Dr. Ted Aoki, Department of Secondary Education, to immerse junior and high-school teachers of English in the language, culture and pedagogy of their U of A colleagues in the Faculty of Education. In celebration, Dr. Byong-doo Kim, superintendent of the Kangwon-Do Office of Education, joined the U of A and Alberta Learning Deputy Minister Maria David-Evans in a celebratory lunch in July with this year's crop of participants.

Despite recent economic woes, said Kim, the Korean government saw fit to continue supporting the group of more than 20 teachers to head to Edmonton this

year. The Korean government provides travel dollars and pays the participants' salaries. And for the past 15 years, the province of Alberta, which is twinned with Kangwon province, has also provided support through Advanced Education, now called Alberta Learning.

Dr. Olenka Bilash, education's coordinator of international programs and associate dean of research and graduate studies, said this long-lasting commitment between an Asian and Canadian institution is unprecedented. And it's certainly not without its perks.

"One of our strongest alumni supporters from Korea is a graduate of KTEP," said a smiling Bilash.

Such an established exchange has helped to increase awareness of the University of Alberta in Asia, said Dr. Doug Owram, vice-president (academic) and provost. "We now get inquiries from all over Asia, looking at KTEP as a model program."

Owram noted half of the English teachers working for the Kangwon-Do Office of Education are graduates of KTEP.

"Where are the other half?" joked Owram to the lunch crowd at the Faculty Club. ■

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The Korean teachers weren't the only ones learning

By Dr. Virginia Sauvé, KTEP coordinator, 1985-87, 1989-1990

I entered the classroom 15 minutes before the start time of the class to find everyone there sitting upright in white shirts and ties, suit jackets on, trying to look awake after their long trip and late arrival. I tried to relax everyone with some friendly conversation and then launched into a course outline and review of what the program was about.

As the morning progressed, I asked a lot of open-ended questions and was bewildered by the lack of response from the group. Were they understanding anything I said? At lunch time, I sat with the supervisor of the group and tried to engage him in conversation. It seemed that the Koreans were ravenous. They dove into their meals and showed no interest whatsoever in talking to us or even to one another.

I was rapidly beginning to wonder what I had gotten into. It was not until several days later that the supervisor asked me with some annoyance if my grandmother had not taught me not to talk while I was eating? He was very surprised when I explained that, on the contrary, we viewed eating as a social time. Koreans, he said, did not.

At the end of that first day, I was exhausted; I had put out all the energy I had to elicit participation from these teachers but it was like pulling teeth. When every-

one else had left the room, the group leader came up to me, an obvious look of sympathy and understanding on his face, and offered a suggestion: "Why do you ask us questions before you teach us the correct answer?" he said.

Shocked, I replied I was interested in their opinions. He said Korean teachers did not teach this way. He also suggested I ask in the order of the list I had been given—senior men on down to junior men

and only then, senior women to junior women. I had wondered at the airport why the list was not in alphabetical order. Now I understood. I am not sure what the Korean teachers learned that first day, but I had learned more than I expect any of them did. I realized that KTEP was just as much about teaching the Canadian staff as it was providing the Koreans with learning opportunities. Dr. Aoki was a very wise man...

Excerpted from the *Alberta Kangwon KTEP Newsletter*

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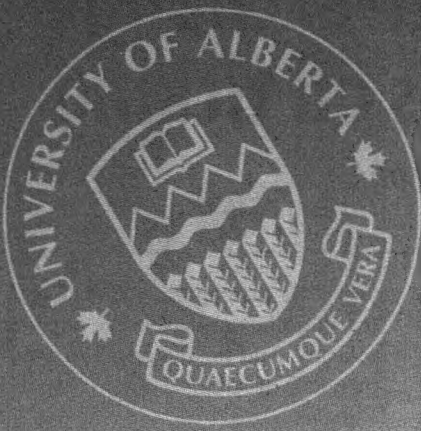
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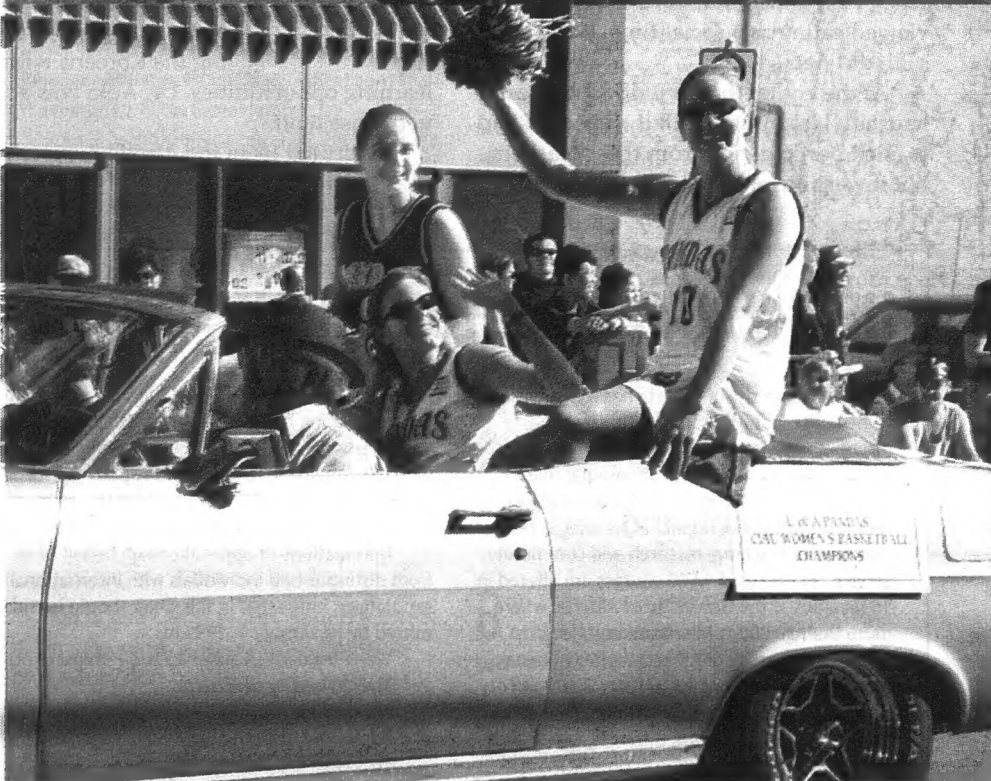


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Everybody loves a parade

Community spirit with a little bit of cheerleading sums up the U of A's participation in the 1999 Klondike Days parade. *Below:* Chancellor Lois Hole was at the helm of our championship athletes' car, which included team members from Pandas volleyball, basketball and wrestling and Golden Bears hockey. *Bottom:* Captain Kim Wyley, Pandas basketball, is all smiles and pom-poms with teammates Sara Armstrong (*left*) and Cathy Butlin (*centre*).

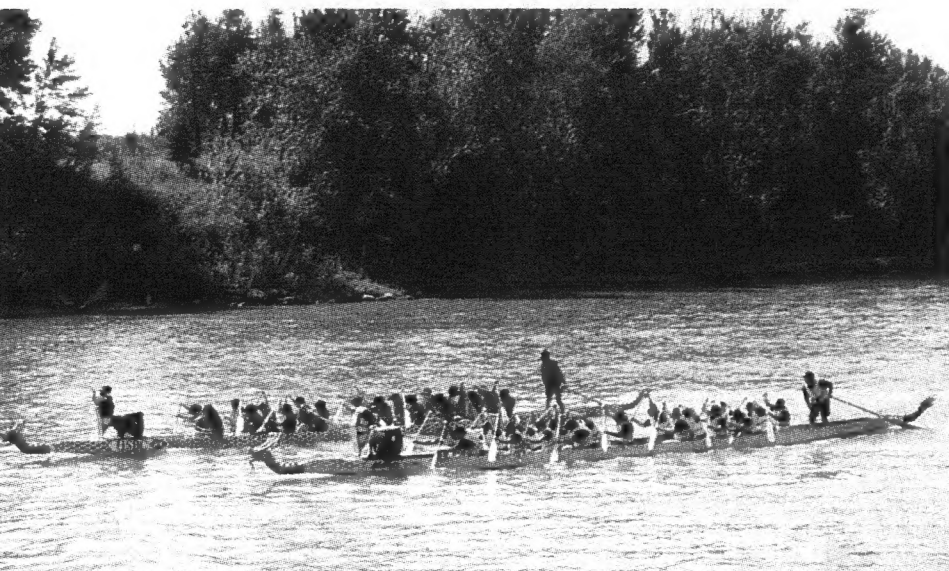


All that jazz

Summer Jazz '99, directed by Dr. Thomas Dust, associate chair of secondary education, was the most successful ever with 96 students enrolled, from teens to retirees. A Winspear Foundation grant of \$10,000 helped with the success and who wouldn't want to take lessons from Canada's king of swing, Tommy Banks (*above*)?

in the city

Compiled by **Lucianna Ciccocioppo**

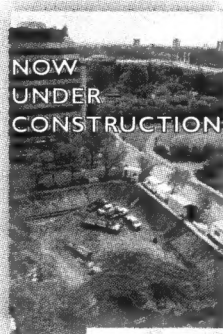
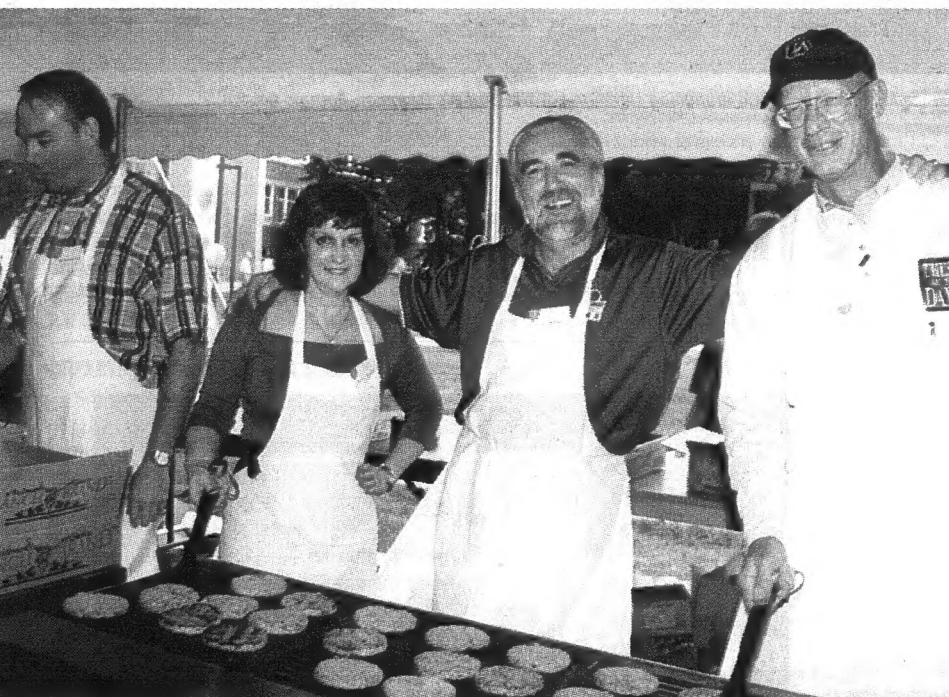


Racing on the river

The Office of Alumni Affairs rallied some troops to participate in a 2300-year-old Asian tradition. The Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival was held Aug. 12-15. Gina Wheatcroft, '94 BEd, manager of alumni branches, led the Edmonton Alumni Association team, which was renamed the Alumni Advantage. How did we do? Second in the Borealis C Division, missing out on first place by seven-hundredths of a second. Two thumbs up for what was a first-time effort for many of the alumni on board.

Pass the ketchup...

The second annual President's Staff Appreciation Picnic Aug. 12 drew more than 3,000 hungry staffers, about 45 volunteers and one U of A Golden Bear Pet Band. It's a time of year when the "suits" don their aprons, fire up the barbecues and flip 3,000 hamburgers, 1,500 hot dogs, 450 veggie burgers and 200 veggie dogs for the support staff that help make this campus work. *Right:* Chancellor Lois Hole chats it up with Kevin Friese and other picnic participants. *Below:* Pharmacy Dean Franco Pasutto takes a break while Dr. Peter Robertson (*far left*), Marlene Hamblin and Dr. Roger Smith (*right*) keep on flipping. *Bottom:* President Rod Fraser makes his rounds.



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Telehealth congress a tele-success

First conference of its kind attracts Japanese royalty to Edmonton

By Lucianna Ciccocioppo

More than 700 researchers from around the world shared ideas, solutions and novel approaches to telehealth technologies at the first International Telehealth and Multimedia Technologies Congress, Aug. 16-18., hosted by the U of A's Telehealth Technology Research Institute (TTRI). The congress even attracted the attention of Japanese royalty, Prince and Princess Takamado.

Telehealth applications make distance and geographical barriers between healthcare professionals and their clients inconsequential. In a vast country such as Canada, an Edmonton doctor can consult with a colleague and patient in a remote, northern community for an ultrasound. X-rays and detailed graphical files can be downloaded for diagnosis in urban hospitals. Specialists and academics can provide instantaneous, live clinical and professional support to colleagues and students in isolated areas. Telehealth technology brings the world's best into your local doctor's office, whether in Edmonton or Edinburgh. Using high-speed ISDN lines at relatively low costs, as well as satellite technology, innumerable telehealth applications are possible.

Not only did the congress explore the applications, but it also used them. Some sessions could not have occurred without real-time technology, with a researcher from Belfast leading one, and a live consultation with researchers in Japan and Sweden in another.

Spearheaded by Associate Professor Masako Miyazaki, TTRI director, the congress drew basic researchers, health serv-

ice providers and educators, government departments and industries that research, develop and use telehealth and multimedia technologies. Continuous live demonstrations of various aspects of telehealth applications were available such as: tele-psychiatry; tele-rehabilitation; tele-radiology; tele-reconstructive surgery and tele-learning.

"I felt like a conductor," said Miyazaki. "My mission was to find the best players for each sector, to bring them to the stage at one time, and to hear things never heard before." The congress was a "launching pad," said Miyazaki, to create new ideas and solutions. There is still a tremendous need to coordinate the efforts of telehealth implementation. "Telehealth cannot happen in isolation," she said.

Miyazaki said funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), about \$70,000, enabled 14 delegates from developing countries such as Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Ukraine and Bosnia to attend. Also, for the first time, a session dealt with the impact of telehealth technologies on culture, specifically aboriginal communities. The panel session included Indian Claims Commissioner Elijah Harper. ■



Taking a telehealth break: Princess Takamado at the Stollery Children's Health Centre.



TTRI Director Masako Miyazaki and panel speaker Elijah Harper.



Prince Takamado: Taking part in a drumming ceremony at the U of A's Devonian Botanic Garden.

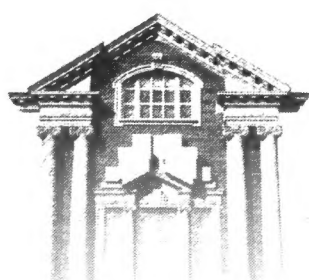


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Japanese art treasure finds home at U of A

By Geoff McMaster

A Japanese painting described as "a national treasure" was donated to the U of A last month. The gift was presented by Dr. Tatsuo Ozawa to President Rod Fraser during a reception for Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Takamado at the Devonian Botanic Garden.

Jim Corrigan, curator for the university's art and artifact collection, has not yet been able to find an appraiser who can provide an estimated value for the painting on the Canadian or international

markets, but he says the painting is worth at least \$100,000 and maybe far more.

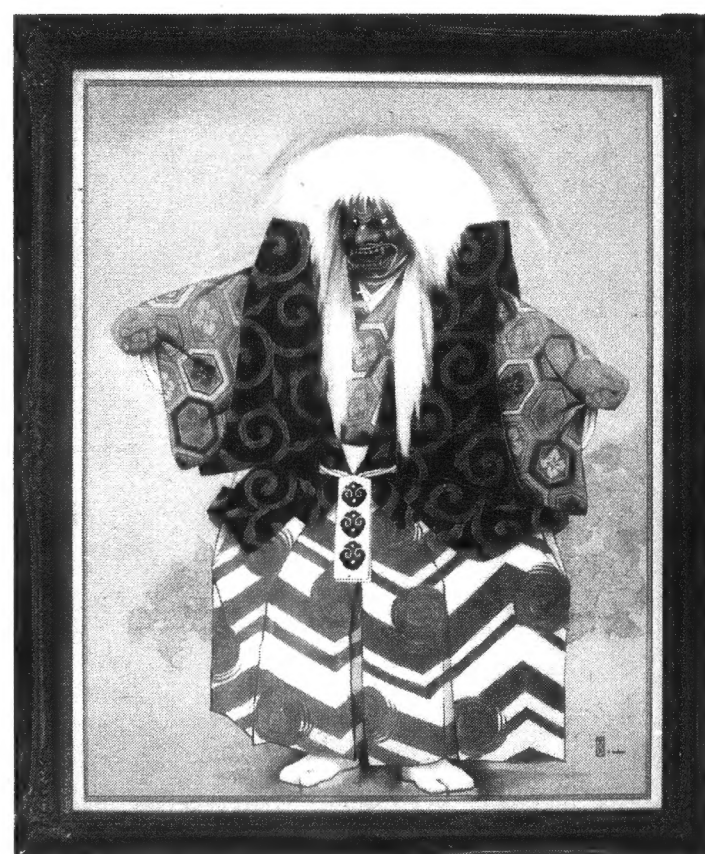
Entitled *Renjishi*, or "Linked Lions," the painting depicts one of two lion dancers from a central scene in a Noh play, a traditional form of Japanese drama involving song and dance. The painter, Noh Hideki, from the Kyoto area of Japan, became famous during the mid-part of this century for his scenes from Noh plays.

"It's a very well-executed work," says Corrigan. "The artist is obviously very well trained. There was an intermix of east and west in the early part of this century, and this is someone who has had very good western art training." Although Corrigan says he believes *Renjishi* was painted during the 1960s, he hasn't been able to find out much more about Hideki and has

seen only one reference to his work in the special collections library.

Dr. Ozawa, a former member of parliament in Japan for several decades, has also been chair of the Japan/Canada Inter-parliamentary League and received an honorary degree from the U of A two years ago for his contributions to Japan-Canada relations. He decided to make the gift after Dr. Fraser presented him with a large bronze medallion, embossed with Ozawa's likeness, on his last trip to Japan. Ozawa was so impressed, says Special Projects Co-ordinator Karen Strawn Samis, he was determined to give us "one of his treasures" in return.

The display site for the painting has yet to be decided, says Corrigan. "A good



Renjishi or "Linked Lions"

place to put it might be the Timms Centre, because it's a theatre figure. It's a very valuable work, framed with gold leaf ... it would have to be located in a secure area." ■

Law professors satisfied with Sychuk recommendation

By Geoff McMaster

Professors in the Faculty of Law reacted with relief to a recommendation by a special committee of the Alberta Law Society that former U of A law professor Maurice Sychuk not be reinstated as a lawyer. Sychuk, nicknamed "Screaming Mo" by his students, was convicted of second-degree murder in 1989 for killing his wife.

"I think it is a good and proper result," says F.C. (Ted) Decoste. "Were ever a convicted murder admitted to the law society here, whatever moral raison d'être a self-governing profession would have would be utterly destroyed. This matter went to the very heart of the way we conduct our law."

Law professor Leonard Pollock, who also lobbied against the re-instatement, echoed Decoste's approval of the decision. "It's the only decision they could have come to," he says. "It would have done terrible things to the legal profession (if Sychuk were re-instated). I mean, do you want a murderer among us?"

The committee decided Sychuk, who was granted full parole last year, had "broken faith with his oath, his role as an officer of the court and as a member of the Law Society." It recommended Sychuk be denied further application to the society

for 10 years, instead of the usual two, and made it clear the delay does not mean an eventual decision in his favor.

"This is a very hard case because it's unusual," says Decoste. "There are very few lawyers, let alone law professors, who murder other people, and that's why we don't have a rule to deal with it."

He said Sychuk was treated "exceedingly well by the committee, as he had a right to be treated," even calling for public input and supervision. "On both of those grounds ... (the recommendation) is profoundly proper and cannot be challenged."

Decoste said there was some "trepidation" among his colleagues that "someone could be persuaded it's actually a matter of personal redemption rather than fitness to serve—and they're two separate matters ... there are certain things beyond which redemption is no good."

The final decision on the recommendation will be made by the law society's 29-member governing board later this month.

"I would turn to salt if this were put at issue," says Decoste. "The only proper grounds for challenging a decision of this nature would be violation of due process, and this committee conducted itself so admirably." ■

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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

September 10, 12:00 noon
Ecology Seminar Series (part of the Biology 631 seminar series). Crissy Corkum, "Small mammal responses to landscape structure at multiple scales." Room M-137, Biological Sciences Building.

September 17, 12:00 noon
Ecology Seminar Series (part of the Biology 631 seminar series). Simon Dyer, "Movement and distribution of woodland caribou in response to industrial development in northeastern Alberta." Room M-137, Biological Sciences Building.

September 17, 3:30 pm
Molecular Biology and Genetics Research Group (part of the Genetics 605 seminar series). Michael Hendzel, "RNA Polymerase II Transcription: A Cell biology perspective." Room M-149, Biological Sciences Building.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

September 10, 12:00 noon
Professor Richard Hutchinson, School of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin, "Engineering of microbial polyketide synthases for drug production." Room V-107 Physics Wing.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

September 17, 3:00 pm
Colloquium, Dr. Tim Spanos, Department of Physics, U of A. Room V129.

September 24, 3:00 pm
Colloquium, Dr. Faqir Khanna, Department of Physics, U of A. Room V129. Attendance at departmental colloquia and seminars is to the benefit of all. First year graduate students are reminded of departmental requirements to submit written reports on colloquia and seminars.

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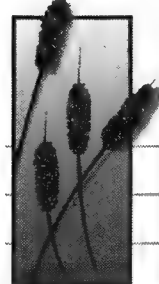
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The Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science (AFNS) at the University of Alberta invites applications for **four** tenure-track Professor positions and **two** soft-tenured Assistant/Associate positions in Food Science as part of an exciting new initiative to meet the research and educational needs of the rapidly growing Agri-Food industry in Alberta. The successful candidates will contribute to the department's mission "to achieve excellence in teaching and research in efficient and sustainable production, processing and utilization of safe and nutritious food to promote health". They will also contribute to the research goals of the University of Alberta's

"Food for Health" program and the Alberta Centre of Excellence in Functional Foods (www.afns.ualberta.ca).

Research specializations in **Meat Processing, Food Rheology, Phytochemistry, Dairy Microbiology/Probiotics, Food Safety and Food Service Technology** are preferred but outstanding applicants outside these areas may also be considered. Research experience relating to Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals would be an advantage. The first four positions will be filled at a senior level with the candidates expected to develop world-class research programs with reduced teaching responsibilities (75% research and 25% teaching). Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Food Science, Microbiology, Meat Science, Food Engineering, Biochemistry or related discipline. The successful candidates are expected to teach at the undergraduate and graduate level, supervise M.Sc. and Ph.D. students, and attract major external funding to support their research program. Research and teaching areas to which the successful applicants will contribute include, but are not limited to: functional foods and nutraceuticals; processing of meat and by-products and the effect of processing on ingredient functionality and product quality; rheological characterization of plant, dairy and meat-based ingredients and products; ingredient interactions and functionality, identification, isolation, characterization and product applications of phytochemicals; food microbiology and functional activities of dairy probiotics, prebiotics and synbiotics; food safety and risk assessment; and food service systems and food quality.

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Applications, including a statement of research and teaching interests, curriculum vitae, and the name of three referees should be sent to Dr. John Kennelly, Chair, Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2P5. Closing date for applications is October 31st, 1999. For further information on these positions contact Dr. Kennelly at (780) 492-2131 / (780) 492-4265 (fax), email chair@afns.ualberta.ca or visit our web site at www.afns.ualberta.ca. In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. If suitable Canadian citizens and permanent residents cannot be found, other individuals will be considered.

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Research specializations in **Crop Breeding/ Agronomy, Special Crops or Horticulture and Weed Science/Ecology** (with a focus on agricultural cropping systems) are preferred but outstanding applicants outside these areas may also be considered. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Agronomy, Horticulture, Plant Physiology, Plant Breeding, Crop Science, Weed Science or related discipline. The successful candidates are expected to teach at the undergraduate and graduate level, supervise M.Sc. and Ph.D. students, and attract major external funding to support their research program. Teaching and research areas to which the successful applicants will contribute include, but are not limited to: the application of modern and traditional breeding techniques to the development of new cultivars; the development of agronomic practices to maximize crop returns within sus-

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL, FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE NSERC UNIVERSITY FACULTY AWARD

The Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science (AFNS) plans to nominate a female scientist for an NSERC University Faculty Award. Candidates are required, at the time of appointment, to hold a PhD degree in a discipline that can contribute to the three major areas of AFNS teaching and research: production efficiency and sustainability, agri-food technology, and nutrition and human health. Strong demonstrated research potential and teaching commitment are essential.

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The closing date for applications is September 30th, 1999. Applications, including a statement of research and teaching interests, curriculum vitae and three letters of reference should be sent to Dr. John Kennelly, Chair, Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2P5. The successful candidate would be expected to begin no later than September 1, 2000.

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PROVINCIAL PROJECT COORDINATOR

ALBERTA HEART HEALTH PROJECT

Background: The Alberta Heart Health Project (AHHP) demonstration phase (1993-98) was aimed at building capacity for community-based heart health promotion. The AHHP and its partners have recently obtained five year funding from Health Canada and Alberta Health to implement the AHHP dissemination phase. This phase will investigate how the knowledge and experience of health promotion capacity building can be disseminated within a health care system that has undergone significant restructuring and change.

Organizations supporting the implementation of this project include Alberta Health, Health Canada, the University of Alberta Centre for Health Promotion Studies, the Alberta Centre for Well-Being, and Alberta Health's "Action for Health" Initiative. Regional Health Authorities and their staff are the other key partners in this project.

Position: Provincial Project Coordinator
Status: Full-time Trust (5 years)
FTE: 1.0

Salary: \$50-60,000 p.a. including benefits. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Responsibilities: Reporting to the Co-Principal Investigators of the Alberta Heart Health Project (Dissemination Phase), the Provincial Project Coordinator will:

- coordinate and manage activities of the project team
 - liaise with RHAs, AHHP Project team and Alberta Health
 - provide administrative coordination and support to the research team
 - communicate with Health Canada (NHRDP), RHAs and research project team
 - prepare written reports and documentation, ensuring timely submission
 - supervise the AHHP secretary and contract staff
- Qualifications:**
- Masters degree in health services administration or equivalent required.
 - Experience in supervisory to more senior roles in health services management or planning is preferred.
 - Consideration will be given to appropriate combinations of education and experience.
 - Demonstrated ability to manage projects and to conceptualize, prioritize and work in a dynamic environment is required.
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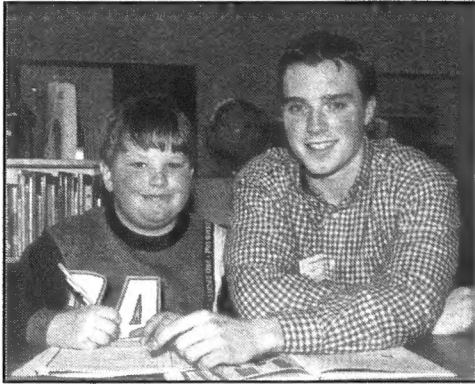
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FTE: 0.8

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 - manage data collection and analysis
 - liaise with RHAs, AHHP Project team and Alberta Health
 - provide research coordination and support to the research team
 - communicate with Health Canada (NHRDP), RHAs and research project team
 - prepare written research reports and documentation, ensuring timely submission
 - supervise the research contract staff
- Qualifications:**
- PhD in health related field preferred
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REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) AND PROVOST: FACULTY NOMINATIONS

Doug Owsram's term as Vice-President (Academic) and Provost ends on June 30, 2000. Dr Owsram has advised President Rod Fraser that he would like to stand for a second term of office. In consultation with the Chair of the Board of Governors, Mr Eric Newell, President Rod Fraser has therefore asked that a Review Committee for Vice-President (Academic) and Provost be struck.

The composition of the Review Committee for Vice-President (Academic) and Provost includes three members of the full-time and continuing part-time faculty (Categories A1.1, A1.5 or their counterparts in A1.6) who do not hold administrative positions as defined in Section 22.3.2(4) of the GFC Policy Manual. Staff who are on leave are not eligible to serve. Dr Fraser will chair the meetings of the Review Committee which have already been scheduled on the following days: October 25, 1999, 3:00pm; November 22, 1999, 3:00pm; December 6, 1999, 3:00pm; and December 7, 1999, Noon.

There may be additional meetings.

Written nominations supported by the signatures of five members of the full-time and/or part-time academic staff (not including the nominee) should be submitted to the Director of the University Secretariat, Ellen Schoeck, 2-5 University Hall. Nominations must be received by Tuesday, September 21, 1999, 4:30pm. Nominees must agree to stand for election to the Review Committee. GFC regulations require that nominees should not be holders of an administrative position, such as Dean or Department Chair, since administrators are already represented on the Review Committee. The composition of this 13-member Review Committee for Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, and the nomination and election procedures, are contained in Section 102 of the GFC Policy Manual, which is available in the University Secretariat (2-5 University Hall) and on the World Wide Web located at www.ualberta.ca/~unisecr/. If you have any questions about eligibility to serve or to nominate, please call Ellen Schoeck at local 5430.

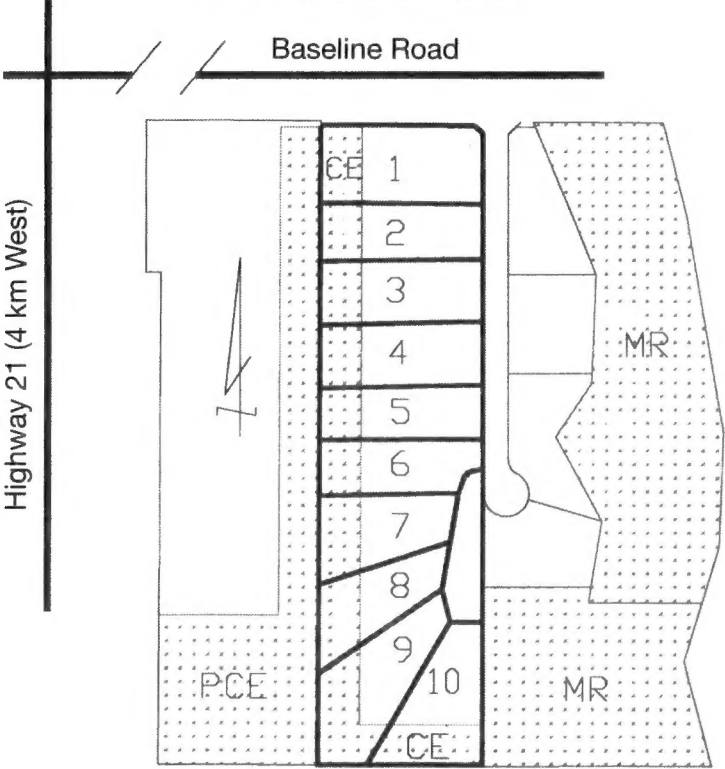
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The Office of the Registrar and Student Awards provides student and academic support systems to the University community. The Assistant Registrar/ Special Registrations reports to the Associate Registrar of Administrative Systems and directs the activities of a unit of five staff members.

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The closing date for receipt of applications is September 17, 1999.

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ORIENTATION FOR GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS: TEACHING SYMPOSIUM

University Teaching Services (UTS) is organizing its 19th annual orientation for graduate teaching assistants at the beginning of the academic term this fall. Our 1999 Annual Orientation for Graduate Teaching Assistants' format is a symposium with 52 concurrent sessions and a selection of more than 55 videotapes. Sessions will be on a range of topics from various presenters.

The orientation will be held Sept. 7-9, 1999 during the day (9:00 am-7:00 pm) and on Sept. 14-16, 1999 in the evenings (5:00-8:30 pm). The sessions are free of charge and all graduate students are welcome to attend. For more information, visit the UTS web site at www.ualberta.ca/~uts/

SPECIALIZED SUPPORT AND DISABILITY SERVICES CAREER DIRECTORY

The office of Specialized Support and Disability Services (SSDS) at the University of Alberta is creating a career resource directory for students and staff with disabilities. We are seeking interested professionals with disabilities (ideally university or college graduates) from across Canada who are willing to be mentors and provide career-related information to be included in the directory. These mentors, or career contacts, will make up a large part of the directory and will be a valuable resource for students and staff seeking individuals with similar disabilities. They will also assist by serving as role models for individuals who are interested in entering the same

line of work and will provide advice and encouragement with their career pursuits. The database will include information on Web sites, organizations and agencies related to employment for people with disabilities and equity funding initiatives. The career contacts will provide information on areas such as assistive technology or devices used, their career paths, work-place challenges and solutions, and tips for finding work. Disclosure of any information is strictly voluntary. In addition, mentors can choose to contribute to the database without being contacted by students and staff.

We would like to stress that this is an informal project. SSDS will not match mentors with proteges and will not bind mentors to an agenda. Becoming a mentor will require only a minimal time commitment, although mentors are welcome to invest as much time as they desire. If you are interested in being a mentor or would like further information, contact:

Chris Dodd, Database and Research Coordinator
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Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T6G 2J7
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1999 EDMONTON AIDS/HIV WALK

We need your help! The 1999 Edmonton AIDS/HIV Walk needs help from the University Community to fight and prevent HIV/AIDS and to help improve the quality of life of those infected and affected by it. It happens Sunday, September 26 at Kinsmen Park at 10:00 AM. Get your friends, family, even your faculty involved! Register today as an individual or a team at 488-5742 or pick up a kit at #600, 10242-105 St.

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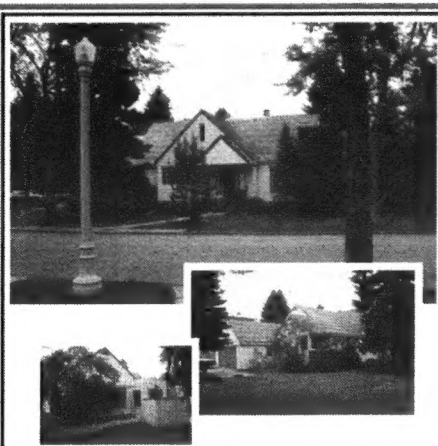
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DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

September 10, 8:00 pm
Music at Convocation Hall Series, Johannes Brahms' complete chamber music for piano and strings. Stephane Lemelin, piano; Martin Riseley, violin; Aaron Au, viola; Tanya Prochazka, cello. Admission: \$5/student/senior, \$10/adult. Convocation Hall, Arts Building.

September 17, 8:00 pm
Chinese Youth Goodwill Mission. Admission: TBA. Horowitz Theatre, SUB. Information: 492-2958.
September 20, 12:00 noon
Noon-Hour Organ Recital, Bruce Wheatcroft, MMS (1984). Free admission. Convocation Hall, Arts Building.

SEMINAR

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND CLASSICS

Distinguished Visiting Professor, Dr. Guy Lobrichon of the College de France, has been invited for the period of September 13 to October 1st to participate in a number of senior seminars and will give two talks—first open to the public, second open to the university community at large. Information: contact Prof. Andrew Gow in History and Classics, 492-3270 or andrew.gow@ualberta.ca

September 16, 7:30 pm
Public lecture (Town and Gown event), "Reading the Millennium: History and Historians from the Year 1000 to the Year 2000 and Beyond." Tory Breezeway: TBW-2. Reception to follow in Tory 2-58.

September 24, 3:00 pm
Seminar, "The state of research into the religious culture of western European elites, 900 - 1500." Humanities Centre L3.

RESEARCH SEMINAR

September 10th, 12:00 noon
Sponsored by the Faculty of Nursing, Perinatal Research Centre, Women's Health Research & Action Consortium, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research. Jacquelyn C. Campbell, RN, PhD, FAAN, "State of the Science & Policy Implications of Nursing Research on Battered Women & Their Children" Room 2-117 Clinical Sciences Building. Light lunch provided.

FOIPP

Freedom of Information
and Protection of Privacy

On September 1, 1999 the University of Alberta came under the provisions of the Alberta *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPP). The *Act* embodies five principles:

- ◆ Access to Information
- ◆ Protection of Personal Privacy
- ◆ Access to Your Information
- ◆ Right to Correct Your Own Personal Information
- ◆ Right to Independent Review of Access Decisions of the University

The *Act* governs:

- ◆ Information Collection
- ◆ Information Disclosure
- ◆ Information Use
- ◆ Information Retention and Disposal

In order to ensure compliance with the FOIPP Legislation the University has designated a FOIPP Coordinator (Bryan Corbett, ph. 0531) to coordinate implementation. Faculties, departments and units have designated FOIPP Liaison Officers to work with the Coordinator to ensure timely responses to requests received under the *Act*.

For further information, contact your FOIPP Liaison Officer or the FOIPP Coordinator and watch for a special supplement in the September 17th issue of FOLIO.

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Donating a kidney brings immeasurable rewards to U of A staffer



Deborah Johnston and Richard Siemens

By Deborah Johnston

Unlike other people back from vacation and kicking into work mode this September, Michelle Blonar is recovering from a summer she'll never forget.

The U of A's assistant microcomputer manager is on the mend following major surgery. She spends her convalescence reading and re-reading the dozens of cards and letters she has received over the past few weeks. Many messages are from friends of a man who calls Michelle his "savior."

That man is her cousin, Jim McElveen, a 44-year old father of four girls. For several years, he has endured painful and debilitating kidney disease and dialysis three times a week. Last Christmas, Michelle stepped forward as a potential candidate to donate a kidney for Jim. "I had no second thoughts. It was very hard to watch Jim's health decline," says Michelle. "He went from a strong, determined man to a very sick man who seemed, well, defeated."

After months of testing and crossmatching, Michelle, a 36-year-old mother of two boys, proved to be a compatible donor.

Then, without a backward glance, she and Jim began a journey of hope, faith and unavoidable pain.

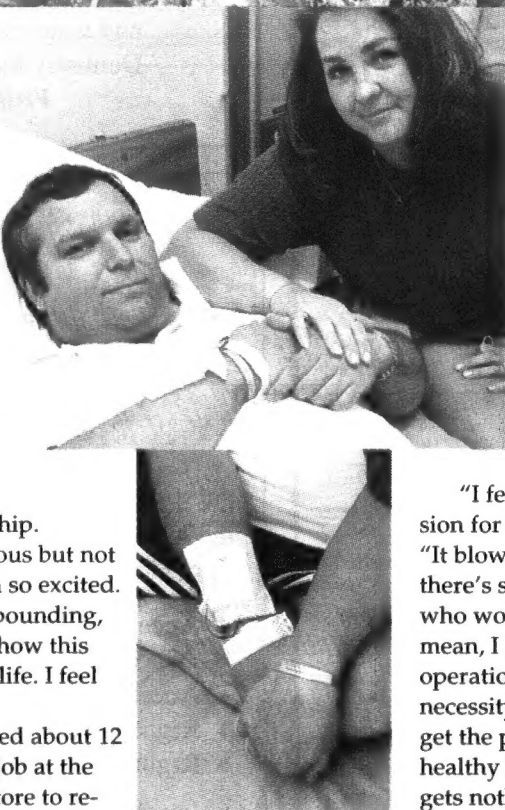
July 29

On a hot July evening, Michelle and Jim wait for their early morning surgery. "I am actually looking forward to it," says Michelle.

Anne Munguia, H.O.P.E. program transplant coordinator, says the operation involves removing one of Michelle's ribs, then excising her kidney and transplanting it into Jim's body, just above his right hip.

Michelle is anxious but not about the pain. "I'm so excited. I can feel my heart pounding, just thinking about how this might change Jim's life. I feel really positive."

Michelle will need about 12 weeks off from her job at the university's Microstore to re-



cuperate. Jim's recovery will be much more involved. For the rest of his life, he will take medicine to prevent his body from rejecting Michelle's kidney.

"I feel a lot of apprehension for Michelle," says Jim. "It blows me away to think there's somebody out there who would do this for me. I mean, I have to have this operation. For me, this is a necessity in order to live. I get the prospect of a healthy life, but Michelle gets nothing."

That's not true, insists Michelle. "I feel privileged. How often in our lives do we get the chance to help someone, to really improve their life? Being able to say I had that opportunity is a wonderful, wonderful feeling."

As the night draws to a close, Jim and Michelle hug and wish each other good luck. Michelle laughs when Jim tells her she's welcome to visit her kidney anytime.

September 1

It's now four weeks since the operation and the change in Jim is dramatic. His eyes are bright, his color is good and his creatinine—the waste product of metabolism normally excreted by kidneys—has dropped from dangerous pre-operative levels of 1,800 to an almost normal 117. The transplanted kidney is working. "I feel better than I have in years," he says.

Michelle, too, is on the mend. "It's all been worthwhile. I feel like I've fulfilled some mission I was destined for."

She says one of the best things about the whole experience has been the outpouring of gratitude from family and friends. She cherishes their messages, particularly one from Jim's daughter, Colleen: *You saved my dad's life and that is something none of us will ever forget.*

Michelle tucks the card back into the pile of well wishes.

"I'm humbled to have been part of this." ■

Jim McElveen will gladly speak with anyone considering organ donation. Call him at (780) 449-6655. For more information, call the H.O.P.E. program at (780) 407-1970.

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